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** Before an entry denotes that the item is part of the FCC's implementation of the 1996 Telecom Act. While we will attempt to flag all Telecom Act-related items, this marking is unofficial and informational only.

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The following items were adopted at the February 29, 1996 Commission meeting and released later that day:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC REDUCES REGULATORY BURDENS FOR
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES - IB DOCKET NO. 95-119 (Report No. DC 96-
16, Action in Docket Case)

The Commission has eliminated unnecessary and outdated administrative obligations on carriers and will enable them to compete in an evolving global telecommunications market with greater speed and flexibility.

Action by the Commission February 29 by R&O
[FCC 96-79].

News Media contact: Patricia A. Chew at (202) 418-0500; International Bureau contacts: Helene T. Schrier at (202) 418-1466, Troy F. Tanner at (202) 418-1468, and Brian O'Connor at (202) 418-1408. [Internet file name: nrin6005.txt]

FCC PROPOSES MODIFICATION OF ITS FIXED
SERVICE MICROWAVE RULES TO PROMOTE
FLEXIBILITY AND REDUCE REGULATORY
IMPEDIMENTS TO USE OF NEW, EMERGING
TECHNOLOGIES - ET DOCKET NO. 96-35 (Report No.
96-17, Action in Docket Case)

Action by the Commission February 29 by NPRM
(FCC 96-80).

News Media contact: Rochelle Cohen at (202) 418-0500; Office of Engineering and Technology contact: Michael Marcus at (202) 418-2418. [Internet file name: nret6004.txt]

** SATELLITE DISH ZONING PREEMPTION
CLARIFIED; NEW PROCEDURES FOR
ENFORCEMENT ADOPTED; CHANGES IMPLEMENT
REQUIREMENTS OF TELECOM ACT - IB DOCKETS
95-59 /96-34 (Report No. DC 96-18, Action in Docket
Case)

The Commission has acted to revise its 1986 rule preempting certain local regulations of satellite earth station antennas to ensure that all Americans are able to have as many choices as possible for delivery of video programming and to facilitate access to all satellite services.

Action by the Commission February 29 by R&O
and Further NPRM (FCC 96-78).

News Media contact: Rosemary Kimball at (202) 418-0500; International Bureau contact: Rosalee Chiara at

(202) 418-0754. [Internet file name: nrin6006.txt]

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The following items are dated for and released March 1, 1996

NEWS RELEASES

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES (OCB0) TO HOST FCC AUCTIONS
'96 CONFERENCE, FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 8:00 AM TO
5:30 PM AT THE GRAND HYATT HOTEL, 1000 H
STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. - Contact: (202)
418-0990

FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FCC FILINGS

PUBLIC NOTICES

TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG:
February 29

TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG
NON-DOMINANT CARRIERS: February 28

** COMMISSION ANNOUNCES STREAMLINED
PROCEDURES FOR RULEMAKING PROCEEDINGS
IMPLEMENTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF
1996

Action by the Commission February 29, 1996, by
Public Notice (FCC 96-81).

EXPERIMENTAL LICENSES IN THE 1910 - 1930 MHz
BAND

PUBLIC INFORMATION COLLECTION
REQUIREMENT SUBMITTED TO OFFICE OF
MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB) FOR REVIEW

EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY
COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN NON-RESTRICTED
PROCEEDINGS - Contact: Barbara Lowe at (202) 418-
0310

Report No. 275 - MASS MEDIA BUREAU CALL SIGN
ACTIONS

Report No. A-290 - NON-COMMERCIAL
EDUCATIONAL FM BROADCAST APPLICATIONS
ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND NOTIFICATION OF
APRIL 4 CUT-OFF DATE

Report No. B-179 - NON-COMMERCIAL
EDUCATIONAL FM BROADCAST APPLICATIONS
ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND NOTIFICATION OF
APRIL 4 CUT-OFF DATE

Report No. 23685 - BROADCAST APPLICATIONS

Report No. 43685 - BROADCAST ACTIONS

Report No. CL-96-35 - WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL
RADIO SERVICE INFORMATION

Report No. 1837 - WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU - February 20 through February 23

Report NO. I-8150 - OVERSEAS SECTION 214
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Report No. LB-96-17 - WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL
WIRELESS SERVICE INFORMATION

TEXTS

WESTERVILLE, OH. Denied Radio Stations
WPAY/WPFB, Inc.'s petition to intervene; dismissed
exceptions and related pleadings; granted the amended
application of Davis Broadcasting Company, Ltd. for a new
FM station on Channel 280A in Westerville; dismissed
competing applications. (MM Docket No. 93-107 by
MO&O [FCC 96R-02] adopted February 22 by the Review
Board)

COMSAT MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS (CMC).
Granted CMC's request for an extension of time until May
15 to file its annual report and independent audit report on
its cost allocation manual. (By Order [DA 96-240] adopted
February 26 by the Chief, Accounting and Audits Division,
Common Carrier Bureau)

CREDIT CARD CALLING SYSTEMS, INC. V AT&T
COMMUNICATIONS. Dismissed with prejudice Credit
Card Calling Systems' complaint against AT&T alleging
violations of the Communications Act by charging Credit
Card Calling Systems for unauthorized calls. (By Order
[DA 96-232] adopted February 23 by the Acting Chief,
Formal Complaints & Investigations Branch, Enforcement
Division, Common Carrier Bureau)

MCI COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION V. BEEHIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. Granted motion and
dismissed MCI's complaint against Beehive alleging
violation of the Communications Act. (By Order [DA 96-
233] adopted February 23 by the Acting Chief, Formal
Complaints & Investigations Branch)

PAY TELEPHONE USE FEE RATE ELEMENT.
Authorized Ameritech Operating Companies and
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to file tariffs under
which compensation for the interstate portion of their
payphone costs would be collected from interexchange
carriers on a per-call basis. (By Order [DA 96-268]
adopted February 29 by the Chief, Common Carrier
Bureau)

DATABASE SERVICE MANAGEMENT, INC. (DSMI).
Common Carrier Bureau directs DSMI to accept additional
888 number protection requests. (By Letter, February 29)

TCI CABLEVISION OF OAKLAND COUNTY, INC.
Remanded TCI's appeal to the Intergovernmental Cable
Communications Authority for resolution. (By MO&O [DA
96-222] adopted February 22 by the Chief, Cable Services
Bureau)

THOUSAND OAKS, CA. Remanded Thousand Oaks'
local rate order to the City of Thousand Oaks for further
action; dismissed Ventura County Cablevision's appeal with
respect to de minimis refund liability, and its request for an
emergency stay. (By MO&O [DA 96-223] adopted
February 22 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

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ADDENDA: The following items released February 29
were not listed on Digest 33:

NEWS RELEASES

** FCC AMENDS RULES TO CONFORM THE
AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE RULES TO THE
PROVISIONS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
OF 1996 (Report No. WT 96-4, Wireless Action)
Action by the Commission February 28 by Order
(FCC 96-74).
News Media contact: Patricia A. Chew at (202)
418-0500; Wireless Telecommunications Bureau contact:
Maurice J. DePont at (202) 418-0690. [Internet file name:
nrwl6008.txt]

FCC GRANTS HARRISBURG TELEVISION, INC.'S
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE DUOPOLY RULE
AND ASSIGNMENT OF WHTM-TV, HARRISBURG, PA
(Report No. MM 96-10, Mass Media Action)
The FCC waived its television duopoly rule and
approved an assignment of license, allowing Harrisburg
Television, Inc. to acquire WHTM-TV, Channel 27 (ABC)
in Harrisburg, PA.
Action by the Commission February 12 by MO&O
(FCC 96-77).
News Media contact: Rochelle Cohen at (202) 418-
0500; Mass Media Bureau contact: Marlene Dortch at (202)
418-1630. [Internet file name: nrmm6007.txt]

TEXTS

HARRISBURG, PA. See second item under ADDENDA:
"News Releases."

KINGSVILLE AND INGELESIDE, TX. Affirmed the dismissal of that part of Laser Communications Inc.'s counterproposal that sought to upgrade class of station KJIB(FM), South Padre Island, TX. (MM Docket No. 88-257 by MO&O [FCC 96-9] adopted January 18 by the Commission)

BRISTOL BAY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
Granted Bristol Bay's request for waiver of the definition of "study area" contained in the Part 36 Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's rules. (By MO&O [DA 96-267] adopted February 28 by the Chief, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau)

COPPER VALLEY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
Granted Copper Valley's request for the definition of "study area" contained in the Part 36 Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's rules. (By MO&O [DA 96-266] adopted February 28 by the Chief, Accounting and Audits Division)

COMMON CARRIER AND PRIVATE OPERATIONAL
FIXED SERVICES. Consolidated the rules for the common carrier and private operational fixed services to reflect a comprehensive restructuring in the regulatory requirements and policies of the fixed microwave services. (WT Docket No. 94-148, CC Docket No. 93-2 by R&O [FCC 96-51] adopted February 8 by the Commission)

McDERMOTT COMMUNICATIONS CO. Denied Dorado Equipment Corporation request for review of the Private Radio Bureau decision to grant the application of McDermott Communications for consent to assignment and modification of the license for Station KLY659 in the Part 90 Private Land Mobile Radio Services. (By MO&O [FCC 96-16] adopted January 17 by the Commission)